**REMARKS** 

Responsive to the requirement in the Office Action, a Letter re Consent of

Assignee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, favorable action and early allowance

are earnestly solicited

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in

general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should

expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a

petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please

charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.

05-1323 (Docket #080310.40901CO).

Respectfully submitted,

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## LETTER RE CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

.... Under the laws of Lichtenstein, the undersigned have authorization to act and sign on behalf of the Assignee of the above-identified application, Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.

Respectfully submitted,

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